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2006 APC ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

In the November 10, 2005 *Federal Register* (pages 68516 – 68980), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a final rule implementing changes to the APC-based outpatient prospective payment system (OPPS) for services provided on or after January 1, 2006. Included in this final rule are additions and deletions to the clinically-based and payment policy APCs. Changes are summarized in the following tables.

1. **CLINICAL APC ADDITIONS:** CMS is adding 29 new clinical APCs in January 2006, as listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1: NEW CLINICAL APCs FOR JANUARY 2006

APC	DESCRIPTION	PSI	PAYMENT RATE
0061	Laminectomy or Incision for Implantation of Neurostimulator Electrodes, Excluding Cranial Nerve	S	\$5,558.70
0127	Stereotactic Radiosurgery	S	\$7,304.87
0306	Myocardial Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Imaging, Single Study, Metabolic Evaluation	S	\$800.55
0307	Myocardial Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Imaging, Multiple Studies	S	\$2,484.88
0350	Administration of Flu and PPV Vaccine	X	\$23.31
0381	Single Allergy Tests	X	\$11.46
0382	Level II Neuropsychological Testing	X	\$203.09
0392	Level II Non-imaging Nuclear Medicine	S	\$209.66
0427	Level III Tube Changes and Repositioning	T	\$595.76
0428	Level III Sigmoidoscopy and Anoscopy	T	\$1,195.40
0429	Level V Cystourethroscopy and Other Genitourinary Procedures	T	\$2,504.23
0430	Level IV Nerve and Muscle Tests	T	\$645.41
0432	Health and Behavior Services	S	\$38.06
0433	Level II Pathology	X	\$14.84
0434	Cardiac Defect Repair	T	\$5,146.71
0621	Level I Vascular Access Procedures	T	\$489.85
0622	Level II Vascular Access Procedures	T	\$1,264.39
0623	Level III Vascular Access Procedures	T	\$1,615.58
0667	Level II Proton Beam Radiation Therapy	S	\$1,134.08
1491	New Technology - Level I (\$0-\$10)	S	\$5.00
1492	New Technology - Level I (\$10-\$20)	S	\$15.00
1493	New Technology - Level I (\$20-\$30)	S	\$25.00
1494	New Technology - Level I (\$30-\$40)	S	\$35.00
1495	New Technology - Level I (\$40-\$50)	S	\$45.00
1496	New Technology - Level I (\$0-\$10)	T	\$5.00
1497	New Technology - Level I (\$10-\$20)	T	\$15.00

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APC	DESCRIPTION	PSI	PAYMENT RATE
1498	New Technology - Level I (\$20-\$30)	T	\$25.00
1499	New Technology - Level I (\$30-\$40)	T	\$35.00
1500	New Technology - Level I (\$40-\$50)	T	\$45.00

2. **CLINICAL APC DELETIONS:** CMS is deleting thirteen (13) clinical APCs, as listed in Table 2.

TABLE 2: CLINICAL APCs DELETED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2006

APC	DESCRIPTION	PSI
0032	Insertion of Central Venous/Arterial Catheter	T
0119	Implantation of Infusion Pump	T
0124	Revision of Implanted Infusion Pump	T
0167	Level III Urethral Procedures	T
0187	Miscellaneous Placement/Repositioning	T
0281	Venography of Extremity	S
0285	Myocard Positron Emission Tomography (PET)	S
0287	Complex Venography	S
0289	Needle Localization for Breast Biopsy	X
0371	Level I Allergy Injections	X
0677	Level I Thrombolysis and Thrombectomy	T
1501	New Technology - Level I (\$0 - \$50)	S
1538	New Technology - Level I (\$0 - \$50)	T

3. **PAYMENT-POLICY APC ADDITIONS:** CMS is adding four (4) new APCs for pass-through drugs (Table 3). In addition, a number of APCs for high-cost drugs ("K" APCs) are being added.

TABLE 3: NEW PASS-THROUGH APCs FOR JANUARY 2006

APC	DESCRIPTION	PSI
1694	Ziconotide Injection	G
1697	Pegaptanib Sodium Injection	G
1710	Clofarabine Injection	G
1712	Paclitaxel Injection	G

4. **PAYMENT-POLICY APC DELETIONS:** CMS is deleting sixteen (16) APCs for pass-through drugs and three (3) APCs for pass-through devices, as listed in Table 4. A number of APCs for high-cost drugs ("K" APCs) are also being deleted.

TABLE 4: PASS-THROUGH APCs DELETED JANUARY 2006

APC	DESCRIPTION	PSI
9123	Transcyte	G
9127	Paclitaxel Protein PR	G
9128	Inj Pegaptamib Sodium	G

TABLE 4: PASS-THROUGH APCs DELETED JANUARY 2006

APC	DESCRIPTION	PSI
9129	Inj Clofarabine	G
9204	Ziprasidone Mesylate	G
9205	Oxaliplatin	G
9211	Inj, Alefacept, IV	G
9212	Inj, Alefacept, IM	G
9216	Abarelix Injection	G
9219	Mycophenolic Acid	G
9220	Sodium Hyaluronate	G
9221	Graftjacket Reg Matrix	G
9222	Graftjacket Sfttis	G
9225	Fluocinolone Acetonide	G
9226	Ziconotide Intrathecal Inf	G
9300	Injection, Omalizumab	G
1814	Retinal Tamp, Silicone Oil	H
1818	Integrated Keratoprosthesis	H
1819	Tissue Localization-Excision Dev	H

For additional information on all January APC and OPPS changes, see *Industry Insight 366, APC Payment System Updates for CY 2006: Final Rule*. Also be sure to check the HSS web site (www.hssweb.com) for up-to-date information on upcoming changes to Medicare's OPPS. **Hssweb** is updated on a regular basis with new and timely **Industry Insights**, as well as access to source documents and relevant statistics.